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The Regulations of the Decoration Conference

Imperial Ordinance No. 115

26th Year of Meiji 1893

- Article I. For the purpose of deliberating on the propriety of the grant and deprival of the ranks, decorations and annuities a Decoration Conference shall be established in the Bureau of Decoration.
- Article II. The Decoration Conference shall be consisted of the Chief of the Bureau of Decoration and Gijokan, (the Councillors).
- Article III. The chair of the Decoration Conference shall be taken by the Chief of the Bureau of the Decoration. If the Chief is unable to do so the senior Gijokan (Councillor) shall take his place.
- Article IV. Number of Gijokan (Councillors) shall be less than fifteen. They shall be elected from persons having the decoration of the first order and shall be given Chokunin rank.
- Article V. Besides persons provided for in the preceding article Gijokan may be elected from among members of the Imperial Household.

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Article VI. The advice on the grant and deprival of the ranks decorations and annuities may not be tendered to the Throne unless the matter <sup>is</sup> passed in the conference of more than eight Gijokan (Councillors).

Article VII. The resolution in the Conference of Gijokan (Councillors) shall be passed by majority of votes. In case of equality of votes the chairman's decision shall prevail.

Article VIII. The business of the Decoration Conference shall be handled by the Chief of the Bureau of Decoration.

Annex

Article IX. This ordinance shall come into force from the 10th day of November of the 26th Year of Meiji (1893).

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